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SPECIAL GA -- OPENS SESSION

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA, CALLED AT REQUEST OF ALGERIA TO STUDY PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT, OPENED APRIL 9 AND ELECTED BENITES (ECUADOR) AS PRES BY ACCLAMATION, ESTABLISHED AD HOC BODY, AGREED CREDENTIALS COMITE SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF SAME MEMBERS AS 28TH GA CREDENTIALS COMITE, ADOPTED AGENDA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO GENERAL COMITE, AND HEARD STATEMENTS BY PRES BENITES, WHO CALLED FOR MORE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS "IF MAJOR DISASTER IS TO BE AVERTED," AND BY SYG WALDHEIM, WHO STRESSED URGENCY OF PROBLEMS CONFRONTING WORLD ECONOMY.

THERE WAS NO OBJECTION AFTER IRANIAN AMB HOVEYDA, FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AND AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL GROUPS, PROPOSED: 28TH GA PRES BENITES BE ELECTED PRES BY ACCLAMATION; CHAIRMEN OF SEVEN MAIN COMITES OF 28TH GA BE ELECTED, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD CHAIRMEN OF COMITES 1, 2AND 5, WHO WOULD NOT BE PRESENT, WOULD BE REPLACED, RESPECTIVELY, BY ELIASEN (DENMARK), FALL (SENEGAL), AND ZENTAR (MOROCCO); AND 28TH GA VICE PRESIDENTS SERVE IN SPECIAL SESSION. GA ALSO APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION MRS. JOKA-BANGURA'S (SIERRA LEONE) PROPOSAL, ON BEHALF AFRICAN GROUP, THAT AD HOC COMITE BE ESTABLISHED, WITH CHAIRMAN, THREE VICE CHAIRMEN AND RAPPORTEUR. AND CHAIRMAN BE ACCORDED -- FOR DURATION OF SESSION AND WITHOUT CONSTITUTING PRECEDENT -- FULL RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL COMITE, INCLUDING RIGHT TO VOTE. PRES DREW ATTENTION TO SYG'S LETTER STATING CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN ARREARS WITHIN TERMS OF ART. 19. AT OUTSET.HE EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF FRENCH PRES POMPIDOU AND GA OBSERVED MINUTE OF SILENCE. GENERAL DEBATE SPEAKERS LISTED FOR APRIL 10 ARE: IN A.M. ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, FRANCE, FRG AND CHINA, AND IN P.M. LIBERIA, IRAN, UK, JAPAN, COLOMBIA AND LUXEMBOURG.

PRES BENITES EXPRESSED OPINION SPECIAL SESSION WAS "ONE OF THOSE THAT REPRESENT MILESTONE IN HISTORY" OF UN, "NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DERIVE FROM IT -- BECAUSE WE CANNOT EXPECT TOO MUCH WITH SUCH BROAD SUBJECT IN SO SHORT TIME -- UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT BECAUSE, FROM TODAY ONWARDS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEVISE COMPLETELY NEW APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, CRITICAL REFORMULATION OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AND RESTRUCTURING OF COOPERATION AMONG STATES." WORLD JUST WITNESSED INTERESTING PHENOMENON: UNEXPECTED EFFECT PRODUCED BY SINGLE ECONOMIC MEASURE ON STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. SOME 25 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD80-90 PERCENT OF TOTAL RESERVES OF ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS FOR INDISTRY OF MORE DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES. THIS NECESSITATED REFORMULATION OF PROBLEMS, REPLACING CONFRONTATION BY COOPERATION, CHANGE IN "SIMPLISTIC SCHEMES WHICH SERVED AS INSTRUMENT OF DEVELOPMENT." NEW APPROACHES AND MORE IMAGINATIVE AND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS NEEDED "IF MAJOR DISASTER IS TO BE AVERTED," HE SAID. SOLUTIONS COULD NOT BE FOUND IN SHORT SESSION, BUT IT COULD BE HOPED GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR ACHIEVING THEM. UN MUST FIND NEW SOLUTIONS. "IT WILL DEPEND ON OUR EFFORTS WHETHER WE START TODAY TO ADVANCE TOWARD CREATIVE COOPERATION WHICH WILL PRODUCE THOSE SOLUTIONS, OR WHETHER WE LEAVE WORLD BESET WITH FEAR OF TOTAL, INEVITABLE AND DRAMATIC CRISIS," BENITES CONCLUDED.

SYG WALDHEIM STATED FORCES LEADING TO SPECIAL SESSION HAD BEEN BUILDING FOR MANY YEARS. BUT WHAT WAS NEW WAS SUDDEN AND DRAMATIC URGENCY OF PRESENT SITUATION. "EVENTS OF RECENT MONTHS HAVE DRAMATIZED DANGER OF DRIFT AND INACTION IN SUCH WAY AS TO ALARM ALL GOVTS -- EVEN RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL." CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE INTER-DEPENDENCE OF WORLD ECONOMY POSITIVE RATHER THAN NEGATIVE FORCE. HE SUGGESTED SIX "PRIMARY ISSUES" WHICH HE BELIEVED DEMANDED IMMEDIATE ACTION: MASS POVERTY, WORLD POPULATION. FOOD, ENERGY, MILITARY EXPENDITURES, AND WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM. HE MENTIONED 1975 SPECIAL GA, CONFERENCES ON POPULATION, FOOD AND LOS, MID-DECADE REVISION OF IDS, WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEM, ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, DISCUSSIONS ON NEW WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM, AND CONTINUING TRADE AND TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS ESSENTIAL "THESE ELEMENTS ULTIMATELY BECOME INTEGRATED IN FRAMEWORK OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM." SYG POINTED OUT GA CAN DELINEATE MAIN ELEMENTS OF GLOBAL APPROACH. CAN SET PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES, CAN BEGIN TO FORMULATE PLAN OF ACTION, CAN DEFINE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY MEASURES, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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MOST OF NECESSARY EFFECTIVE DECISIONS LARGELY MATTER FOR GOVTS OR SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL BODIES -- "ONLY THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS CAN THIS ASSEMBLY'S DECISIONS BE TRANSLATED INTO EFFECTIVE REALITY." THIS GA "AFFORDS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY, PROVIDED WE MAINTAIN PRESENT SENSE OF URGENCY, TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR WORLDWISE ECONOMIC SYSTEM FOUNDED IN EQUITY AND JUSTICE," SYG STATED. SCALI

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